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INHABITANTS OF KENTUCKY
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own expense, the Country aforesaid to the weakening of the enemy and the strengthening the United States, whenever the common contest with Britain should be decided in favour of America,—In the full assurance of which your Petitioners sold all their livings in the settled parts of the Continent and have removed with their wives and families and all their effects to the Country aforesaid in order to take possession of their improvements aforesaid.—But when they came found almost all their Improvements granted away by a set of men which acted or pretended to act under the late Act of Virginia, which act also allowed large grants without any reserve of settling and improving the same,—By which means almost the whole of the lands in the Country aforesaid are engrossed into the hands of a few Interested men, the greater part of which live at ease in the internal parts of Virginia, while your Petitioners are here with their wives and children daily exposed to the murders of the Savages to whom sundry of their Acquaintances has fell a sacrifice since their arrival though as yet but a short time. Again the late Acts of Virginia require your Petitioners to take a new oath of allegiance to that State, renouncing all their Kings, Princes and States, and be true to the State of Virginia only, and the prospect of Military Government taking place shortly in this place give your Petitioners the greatest apprehension of the most severe usage unless they comply with their mandates.—

Your Petitioners considering all those griev-

ances would gladly return into the settled parts of the Continent again, but having come seven hundred miles down the River Ohio with the expence of the greater part of their fortunes find it impracticable to return back against the stream with their wives and children were they to suffer the most cruel death. — — —

Your Petitioners being drove to the extremity aforesaid have but three things to choose, One is to tarry in this place, take the Oath of Allegiance to Virginia, and be true to that State only, and also become Slaves to those Engrossers of Lands, and to the court of Virginia. The other is to Remove down the River Ohio, and land on some part of Mexico and become subjects to the King of Spain. And the third to Remove themselves over the River Ohio, with their wives, children and their small effects remaining, which is now in possession of the Savage Enemy, to whom they are daily exposed to murders. The two former appearing to your Petitioners to have a Tendency to weaken the United States and as it were Banish the Common Cause of Liberty. Humbly pray the Honorable Continental Congress to grant them liberty of taking the latter choice and removing with their wives, families and effects to the Indian side of the Ohio and take possession of the same in the name of the United States of America at Large, where your Petitioners propose to support themselves in an Enemy's Country on their own risque and expence, which they humbly conceive will have a tendency to weaken the power of the

Enemy, strengthen the United States at large, and advance the Common Cause of Liberty.

Your Petitioners further pray the Honorable Congress to allow them Liberty of making such Regulations amongst themselves as they shall find necessary to govern themselves by, being subject to the United States at large and no other States or power whatsoever—

Your Petitioners humbly pray the Honorable Continental Congress to consider their case and grievances in their true light and grant them such Relief as they in their great wisdom shall see meet, and as your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray.

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Joseph Wm. Province
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Lawrence Montfort	Abraham Houghtelin
Barney Kipp	Richer Bersly
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Samuel Watkins
John Moires
Jacob Barkman
John Kenedy
John Hamilton
Daniel Spears
Edward Irwin
John Miller
William Ewing

Benjamin Doslie
John Irwin
Adam Wall
James Boys
George Black
Elijah Hart
Michal Thomas
Joseph Sulavan
John Sumet
Thos. Spencer
Michael Little
Jacob Brennon
Thomas Boyd
Paul Humble
John Seller
Thos. Dillen
Rudulph Hufenan
Daniel Jones
Nathan Sellers
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Joseph Johnston
John Thompson
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John Hunter
John Gre.thouse
John Grundy
Robert Swezy
James Thompson

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Thos. Whithedge	Cornelius Bogard
Moses Speed	Henry Campbell
Joseph Grundee	Joshua Cleaver
Smith Harsborough	Samuel Dunn
David Hockins	John Puck
Joseph Tumblestone	Robert Brusler
Wiliam Averall	Francis Daves
Jas. Brown	G——d Campbell
Harrison Averall	James McKee
Joseph Little	Robert Thirkman
William Hopkins	John Hase
John Tumlinson	Samuel Thirkman
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Daniel Williams	William Lawrence
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Jesse Tumlinson	George Clark
George Grundy	Isaac Froman
John Ligwald	Michal Kirkham
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William Rice	George Taylor
Thomas Stone	Joseph Mounts
Benjamin Tamlinson	John Hunt
Thos. Senderson	Jas. McCollach
Thos. Cavet	James Campbell

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ways in danger, frequently on Military duty, it was impossible for them to do more than barely support their families with the necessaries of life, by which means they are much reduced, and what adds more to their disappointment and affliction is that, contrary to their expectations before their arrival and since, the most or all the Tillable Land has been Located and monopolized by persons that had the advantage of your Memorialists by being acquainted with the country, and your Memorialists being strangers and confined as aforesaid, and being so reduced are rendered unable to purchase Land at the advanced price, and especially in a body conveniently together agreeable to their wishes.

Whereas, Providence has been pleased to prosper and support the virtuous resistance of the United States in the glorious cause of Liberty, which has enabled them to obtain an Honorable Peace whereby they have obtained a large extent of unappropriated Territory. And whereas, it is currently and repeatedly reported amongst us that Congress has broke or made void Virginia's right or claim to Land in Kentuckey Settlement.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray (in behalf of themselves and other intended settlers of that persuasion) the Honourable Congress would indulge them with a grant of a Tract or Territory of Land in Kentuckey Settlemt: if the Virginia Claim thereto should be made void, or otherwise in the late ceeded land on the North west cide of the Ohio river; whereto there is not any prior legal claim to enable them to settle in

a body together, on such reasonable terms as Congress in their wisdom and prudence shall see just and reasonable, they complying with and performing all reasonable conditions required, to enable them to put their intended plan in purpose and execution, they having principally in view the "Glory of God," the promotion of Civil and religious society, educating and instructing their rising generation in the principals of religion and morality; hoping the Honorable Congress will give all due encouragement to such a laudable undertaking. The premises duly considered.

Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Inhabitens.

Hendreck Banta	John Vorhis, Jun.
Benedick Yury	Luke Vorhis
Henery Yury	Samuel Demaree
Peter Demaree	Peter Demaree, Jun.
Cornelius Bogart	Henry Shively
John Demaree	Saml. Demaree, Jr.
Cornelius Banta	John Vancleave
Samuel Durie	John Harris
Albert Durie	Peter Banta
Marga ——— widow	Samuel Westervelt
——— Durie, widow	Mary Westervelt (widow)
Daniel Banta	Saml. Lock
Albert Vorhis	David Allen

Intended Friends

——— Armstrong	John Vorhis
Samuel Banta	William Seabourn
John Vanasdale	Simon Vanosdol
James Cook	Derrick Conine

Sophia Voreis (widow)
Bergen Conert
Francis ———
Derrick Kooesen
Aaron Rawlings
Peter Wickoff
John Ryker
Henry Bogart
Cornelius Voreis
James Westervelt
Henry Banta, Jr.
Tunes Vanpelt
Abraham Banta, Jr.
Andrew Shoe
Peter Banta, Jr.
Mattis Shoe
John Banta
Garrit Vanarsdale
William Vancleave
Joseph debaen
Catherine Darling (widow)
Abraham debaen
Lambert Darling
Peter Banta
John Darling
Cornelius Conzine, Jun.
James Voreis
John Conzine
Johanna Seburn (widow)
Lucas Vanarsdale
Albert Banta
Barney Smock
Jacob Banta

John O'Bleanes
Abraham Banta
Peter Monfoort
James Stagg
Garret Dorland
George Burnett
Jaquish Vantine
Daniel Brower
Francis Monfort
Rulef Vorhis
Samuel Demarest
John Brewer
John Knight
Daniel Brewer, Jr.
John Conrad Knight
Henry Comminger

John Comminger
Martin Neavons
Samuel Bogart

William Jervel
Peter Seabourn
John Monfort
George Seabourn
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David Seabourn
Francis Cossaart

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